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Secretary, that in the preparation of the record these resolutions be edited to such an extent as may be found necessary to express the intent of the group.

I will read the entire group of resolutions, and then if there are any objections we will pick out and discuss the particular resolution to which objection or question is directed.

1. **Federal Aid for Fishery Projects**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, urge the passage by Congress of a bill earmarking the excise tax on fishing tackle for federal aid for state fishery projects substantially in the form of the Dingle Bill, H.R. 1693, introduced at the last session of Congress.

2. **Merger of Central and Mississippi River Waterfowl Flyways**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, request the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to study the problem of correlation of waterfowl regulations in the present central and Mississippi river flyways and to consider the merger thereof into a single flyway for regulatory purposes if found feasible and desirable.

That would not mean any change in the flyways as they exist, but rather that they be considered jointly for regulatory purposes. A slight editorial change there would improve that one.

3. **Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, pledges its continued support to maintenance of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a scale that will enable it to perform effectively its important functions, and instructs the Executive and Legislative Committees of the Association to study the budget of the Service prepared for submission at the next session of Congress and to take all steps necessary to secure adequate appropriations for the Service in that session.**

4. **Banding of Migratory Game Birds**

Whereas the banding of migratory game birds is of basic importance to the entire program for conservation of such birds, and past and present provisions for that purpose have been grossly inadequate;

Be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, urges the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and all other public agencies concerned in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, to cooperate in the adoption of the most effective means to develop and maintain banding operations on an adequate scale as soon as possible, and to seek additional funds for that purpose if necessary.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is especially urged to improve and augment the central bird banding record system and to maintain that system on an adequate scale for the service of all interested agencies.

5. **Surplus Pittman-Robertson Funds**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, instructs the Legislative Committee of the Association to study the problem of distribution of surplus Pittman-Robertson funds, to obtain the views and recommendations of the members of the Association thereon by such means as the committee deems proper, to prepare a bill providing for fair and reasonable distribution of such funds, with due regard to the recommendations of the membership and to take all steps which the committee may deem necessary and proper to secure the passage of such a bill by Congress.

6. **Opposition to Credit for Free Licenses in Distribution of Pittman-Robertson Funds or other Federal Aid**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, in order to insure fair distribu-